

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A skeleton structure member made by disposing a solidified granular bulk material obtained by bonding together and thereby solidifying multiple granules inside a skeleton member of a transport machine and/or a space bounded by the skeleton member and a panel member peripheral thereto,

wherein, in the solidified granular bulk material, the granules are bonded together by surface fusion and an internal pressure is created by expansion.

2. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a skeleton structure member made by disposing a solidified granular bulk material obtained by bonding together and thereby solidifying multiple granules inside a skeleton member of a transport machine and/or a space bounded by the skeleton member and a panel member peripheral thereto,

said method including the steps of placing granules, which are made by wrapping a core substance consisting of a liquid or a solid with a film, into the skeleton member and/or space in an un-expanded state; and,

heating the granules and thereby causing the granules to expand.